



**Announcing:**  
The  
George Washington Carver  
4th Grade  
Art and Essay  
Contest!

Overcoming  
Obstacles: Struggle  
and Triumph in the  
Life of George  
Washington Carver



**WE'LL VISIT YOUR CLASS!**

A park volunteer will present an overview of Carver's life and explain Art and Essay. Call to schedule.

**FREE LESSON PLANS!**

"Carver the Artist" and other lessons available: [www.nps.gov/gwca](http://www.nps.gov/gwca)

**FINE ARTS GLEs!**

FA: 2.A, 3.A, 1.B, 2.B, 3.B, 2.C, 1E, 1G, 3.G, FA.1, FA.2, FA.3, VA.1, VA.2, VA.3

**COMMON CORE!**

W.4.3a-e; W.4.7; ELA-Literacy.CCRA.W.2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10

**ENTER BY THE DEADLINE!**

Submissions due **February 14, 2014**. Entries may be delivered to the park or postmarked by this date.

**FOLLOW THE RULES!**

Please carefully follow the contest rules.

**AWARDS CEREMONY!**

Gift certificates, trophies, and ribbons will be presented March 29<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at the park.



Carver Birthplace  
Association



George Washington Carver  
National Monument



Department of  
Teacher Education

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art and Essay Contest Rules

2014 Theme: ***Overcoming Obstacles: Struggle and Triumph in the Life of George Washington Carver***

Any 4<sup>th</sup> grade student may enter and students can enter BOTH categories of art and essay!

## Attention Teachers!

ARTWORK: Each teacher should submit one completed “**Art Entry Sheet**”, included in this packet. Attach a typed list of all students submitting artwork. This list is vital during judging and for certificates. Please do not list students who are not participating in the art category.

ESSAYS: Each teacher should submit one completed “**Essay Entry Sheet**”, included in this packet. Attach a typed list of all students submitting essays. This list is vital during judging and for certificates. Please do not list students who are not participating in the essay category.

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## Art Rules

A label with the following information must be securely affixed to the lower back corner of each art entry so it is out of view of judges:

- Title of artwork, if named (for example: “Prairie Sunset”)
- Student name
- School name
- Teacher name (Include art teacher and classroom teacher, if applicable)

## Size Limitations

***Please be careful to observe size limitations. Items oversized will not be eligible for awards.***

Two-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches on each side. 2D media includes drawing, painting, printmaking, collage, photography, and mixed media.

Three-dimensional media may not exceed 24 inches in height, width, or depth. 3D artwork needs to be securely mounted to a firm, flat support. Sponsors are not responsible for damage of artwork during shipping or handling. Loose items may be subject to loss or damage.

Group projects are encouraged. Groups must consist of 3-5 students. Group projects may not exceed 36 inches in height, width, or depth. *Judges will give special consideration to projects that utilize natural and/or recycled materials but please do not include live, potted plants or any food items, such as peanuts!* Contact George Washington National Monument if entries need special installation.

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## Essay Rules

A label with the following information must be securely affixed to a lower, back corner of each essay:

- Student name
- School name
- Teacher name

Essays, handwritten or typed, should be no more than 500 words in length. **Longer essays will not be eligible for awards.** Please do not use staples. Encourage double-sided pages. Format is 8 ½ x 11 inch paper. Do not submit folders or binders. Park staff will display essay entries in binders.

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## JUDGING CRITERIA

Evaluations conducted by judges are final. Judging is based on the following criteria:

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| <u>ART</u>              | <u>ESSAY</u>                       |              |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Expression of the theme | Contest theme/Idea Development     | Organization |
| Originality             | Conventions/Mechanical correctness | Word choice  |
| Technical ability       | Sentence fluency                   | Voice        |
| Creativity              | Presentation                       |              |

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## Everyone who participates is a winner!

- Certificate of participation for each student
- \$25 museum store gift certificate for first place individual winners in art and in essay
- Trophies for first, second, and third place individual winners in art and in essay
- Trophies for Best of Show in art and Best Group Project in art
- Trophies for Most Creative Classroom in art and in essay (teachers receive a gift certificate!)

## DEADLINE

The deadline for all entries is February 14, 2014. Entries will also be accepted any time before this date. If mailed they must be postmarked by or on this date. Deliver or mail entries to:

George Washington Carver National Monument  
5646 Carver Road, Diamond, MO 64840

## THE SHOW

Artwork will be on display at George Washington Carver National Monument beginning March 11th between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Sunday through Saturday and essays will be on display beginning March 18th. Please invite families to visit the exhibition! George Washington Carver National Monument is free of charge.

## THE AWARDS CEREMONY

On Saturday March 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. at George Washington Carver National Monument, all participating students and families, teachers and principals are encouraged to attend this special ceremony. Winning students will present their entries. Please plan to collect all entries following the awards ceremony.

Further information may be obtained by calling George Washington Carver National Monument at 417-325-4151 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or by emailing the rangers: [gwca\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:gwca_interpretation@nps.gov).

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Park website: <http://www.nps.gov/gwca/forteachers/art-and-essay-contest.htm>

MSSU Dept. of Teacher Education: <http://www.mssu.edu/academics/education/teacher/index.php>



## Art Entry Sheet (use separate sheet for essay entries)

**Teachers: Please complete this page. Next, attach a TYPED list of all students participating in the art category. Submit this Art Entry Sheet and the student list along with your art entries. If you have any questions, please call the park rangers at 417-325-4151 or email: [gwca\\_interpretation@nps.gov](mailto:gwca_interpretation@nps.gov).**

Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Art Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### CONTACT INFORMATION

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## Essay Entry Sheet (use separate sheet for art entries)

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Classroom Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

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